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Vital statistics of San Juan, P. R., for February, 1901.

Cerebral congestion	1	Puerperal fever.....	2
Cachexia.....	1	Anæmia.....	2
Enteritis	2	Tetanus, infantile.....	2
Teething.....	1	Old age.....	1
Entero-colitis.....	3	Acute asthma.....	1
Gastro-enteritis.....	1	Cancer of liver.....	1
Intestinal hemorrhage.....	2	Mitral insufficiency.....	1
Wounded (shot).....	2	Hypertrophy of heart.....	1
Hypertrophy.....	1	Malaria.....	1
Aortic insufficiency.....	1	Hemiplegia.....	1
Myelitis.....	1	Pulmonary congestion.....	1
Osteomalacia.....	1		
Pneumonia.....	2	Total.....	53
Tetanus, traumatic.....	2		
Pulmonary tuberculosis.....	10	February, 1900—	
Bulimia.....	1	Births.....	77
Rachitis.....	2	Deaths.....	89
Typhoid fever.....	2	February, 1901—	
Cardiac insufficiency.....	1	Births.....	52
Intestinal tuberculosis.....	1	Deaths.....	53
Hepatitis.....	1		

Summary of transactions of the service at Ponce, Porto Rico, during the month of February, 1901.

Number of vessels inspected during February, 1901.....	17
Number of vessels inspected during February, 1900.....	29
Number of bills of health issued during February, 1901.....	24
Number of bills of health issued during February, 1900.....	31
Number of vessels in quarantine during February, 1901.....	1
Number of vessels disinfected during February, 1901.....	0
Number of passengers inspected during February, 1901 (incoming).....	93
Number of passengers inspected during February, 1901 (in transit).....	222
Number of crew inspected during February, 1901.....	926
Number of pieces of baggage disinfected during February, 1901.....	0
Number of immigrants inspected during February, 1901.....	0
Vaccinations.....	9

Smallpox in Porto Rico.

SAN JUAN, P. R., March 5, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report concerning the presence of smallpox in the island of Porto Rico: The first cases of the present epidemic were reported at Ponce, 4 cases for the week ended February 8, but it is probable that the disease has been present in Ponce for some time as the first cases on account of their mildness were considered cases of chicken pox. To date, the number of cases reported is as follows: Ponce, 98 cases, 1 death; San Juan, 7 cases, no deaths; Caguas, 2 cases, no deaths; Ciales, 20 cases, no deaths; Bayamon, 2 cases; no deaths; Piedras, 2 cases, no deaths; Rio Piedras, 1 case, no deaths; Aguas Buenas, 2 cases, no deaths; Quebradillas, 4 cases, no deaths; Morovis, 2 cases, no deaths; total, 140 cases, 1 death.

The disease is of a mild type. The proper sanitary precautions are being taken by the superior board of health and it is confidently expected that the epidemic will be of short duration.

The first case in San Juan was reported upon February 28. To date, as will be seen in the above table, 7 cases have been discovered; these have been promptly isolated and there is apparently little danger that the city will become generally infected.

Two years ago an attempt was made by the military government to vaccinate the entire population of the island. Allowing for a certain proportion of failures, it is probable that a considerable part of the population is protected; this should be of assistance in controlling the present epidemic.

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection of immigrants at San Juan during the week ended March 2, 1901.

SAN JUAN, P. R., March 5, 1901.

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended March 2, 1901: February 27, provisional flag steamship *Maria Herrera*, from Havana, Neuvas, Gibara, Santiago, Puerto Plata, San Domingo, with 8 immigrants. February 28, Spanish steamship *Cataluña*, from Barcelona, Malaga, Cadiz, Las Palmas, Tenerife, and La Palma, with 14 immigrants. Total, 22.

Respectfully,

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Inspection of immigrants at the subports of San Juan during the week ended February 23, 1901.

SAN JUAN, P. R., February 28, 1901.

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving during the week ended February 23, 1901, at subports of Porto Rico. Mayaguez: February 18, French steamship *St. Domingue*, from Port-au-Prince, Petit Goave, Jeremie, Les Cayex, Jacmel, and St. Domingo, with 2 immigrants.

Respectfully,

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Report of immigrants inspected at the Port of San Juan, P. R., during the month of February, 1901.

Total number of immigrants inspected, 46; number passed, 46; number certified for deportation on account of dangerous contagious or loathsome diseases, or for other physical causes, none.

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